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Treasury reacts angrily

Bank of Israel releases economic recovery plan

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum yesterday released an economic plan calling for a \$1.5 billion cut in the government budget and a six-month wage and price freeze.

The plan, drafted by Mandelbaum and presented to the cabinet last week, was made public just 24 hours after the publication of August's record monetary injection figures, and the new foreign currency reserves statistics.

Mandelbaum's scheme was passed to the ministers independently of the Treasury, and serves as an alternative to the programme Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad is planning to raise at the cabinet.

Mandelbaum declared last week that he had drafted an economic plan, different from and even in opposition to the one being prepared by the Treasury.

The Treasury scheme is based on simultaneous implementation of all its recommendations, a feature that reflects Treasury Director-General Nissim Baruch's influence. The bank's scheme, on the other hand,

calls for three stages of implementation.

The first stage envisages a \$1.5 billion cut in the government budget (about 6 per cent of the gross national product), accompanied by a cut in real wages. During this stage monetary injections by the government will be limited to no more than IS20b. a month. Mandelbaum does not recommend a major cut in subsidies for basic commodities, since in his view this would aggravate inflation.

The governor says in his plan that long-term saving should be encouraged during this stage, and that the government could use the sums raised from this source, rather than newly printed money, to finance its deficits.

The second stage of Mandelbaum's plan calls for a six-month wage and price freeze. The freeze would be implemented within the framework of a package deal agreement between the Histadrut and the government.

Mandelbaum admits that during this stage a further erosion in wages could take place, since there is no mechanism that would ensure a com-

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Hanan Goldblatt, star of the Israel TV programme on road safety, On the Way Home, displays some of 200,000 entries received in a car raffle organized by the Transport Ministry. The winning entry drawn by Goldblatt was from Miriam Karman of Ramat Gan. (Rahamin Israeli)

Israel spending IS6b. on defences in Lebanon

Post Defence Correspondent

Israel is investing "seriously" in new defences in the eastern sector of Lebanon, from Jabel Baruch to the Hermon foothills. According to chief Engineering Corps officer, Tat-Aluf Yehuda Cohen, this investment is both in preparation for the winter, and in response to similar fortifications going up on the Syrian side of the cease-fire line.

Cohen, who was speaking to military reporters on Engineering Corps Day yesterday, said that it would take between four and six months to remove the bunkers, camps and other fortifications being put up along the new line, if a decision was made to withdraw from Lebanon.

He stressed, however, that if a decision were made to withdraw without moving the buildings and other portable facilities, a pull-back could be accomplished in a matter of days.

The main purpose in building the new fortifications is to provide those soldiers stationed in the eastern sector with maximum protection both

from hostile action and from the elements. New roads have been built - most of them paved with asphalt to prevent mines from being laid - to guarantee easy access to and from even the most isolated positions, he said.

The total being spent is around IS6 billion, he said. Cohen also reported that in the past six months specialists from the corps have dismantled many explosive charges, booby-trapped and explosive-laden cars and Katyusha rockets aimed at IDF forces in Lebanon, and that many arms caches have been uncovered during that period.

Apart from Lebanon, Cohen said that the Engineering Corps was "extremely active" elsewhere, while concentrating on absorbing new equipment into the force.

Special attention was also being paid to the subject of chemical warfare, since "what has happened in Afghanistan has taken this out of the realm of the impossible," he concluded.

Jemayel-Assad talks on Lebanon deadlock

BEIRUT (Reuters). - President Amin Jemayel had talks yesterday with Syria's President Hafez Assad in Damascus, in an attempt to break a deadlock in Lebanon's "national unity" government over a security plan and political reforms, presidential palace sources said.

Jemayel returned to Beirut last night.

The talks followed a meeting in Damascus late Sunday night between Druse leader Walid Jumblatt and Syrian Vice President Abdel-Halim Khaddam.

Druse radio said they discussed security and political issues but did not elaborate. Jumblatt returned to Beirut early yesterday but in the evening returned to Damascus.

The Jemayel-Assad summit comes amid frustration among Moslem cabinet ministers in Beirut at what

they say is the government's failure to press on with national reconciliation by starting work on reforms to give Moslems a greater share of power.

They have refused to permit the deployment of troops outside the capital under a government peace plan until the government starts on reform talks.

Jemayel has long held that pacification through disengagement of rival forces should come before political discussions. But the cabinet last week agreed to start political discussions today.

Both sides have appealed to Damascus, which has acted as arbiter in Lebanon since the formation of the government of Moslem and Christian leaders last May, and the summit is considered crucial to getting the peace process under way.

Self-employed to pay higher tax advances

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The advances paid to the tax authorities by self-employed persons and corporations are to increase by 30 per cent from next month, the Treasury announced yesterday.

This followed Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad's signing of a decree raising the advances for the whole year by 26 per cent.

According to the Treasury, the step is designed to adjust the payments of the self-employed and corporations to the inflationary conditions.

The ministry has been harshly criticized by the Histadrut during the last weeks for raising the tax burden on workers while revenue from the self-employed and companies has slumped.

According to the ministry's calculations, revenue will rise by some IS7 billion every month due to the increase in advances. Tax payers who have already paid all the advances for the tax year, and those paying advances according to current turnover, are exempted from the increase.

Peres' tough line seen as tactical

Renewal of unity talks expected in both blocs

By DAVID LANDAU
and ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Politicians in both major parties predicted last night that the Peres-Shamir unity talks would soon be resumed. In the Knesset yesterday afternoon, initial feelers were already being put out and informal bridging formulae tentatively exchanged.

These developments came despite the tension and recriminations that followed Sunday's breakdown of the national unity negotiations.

Prime Minister Shamir unexpectedly announced that the Likud Knesset faction would convene this afternoon, and pro-unity Likud MKs took this, too, as a hopeful sign.

A National Religious Party source, after his party had met separately with the Labour and Likud leaderships yesterday, confidently predicted that a unity government would soon be set up.

The NRP was active in devising and submitting compromise formulae of its own - both on the "ideological" dispute over settlements and on the "personal" disputes over key cabinet offices.

The NRP's undaunted insistence on a unity government seemed to undercut statements by Labour politicians yesterday morning that they would now pursue the narrow government option "with redoubled vigour."

Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer of the NRP emerged from a meeting with the Labour leadership in Tel Aviv yesterday morning acknowledging that Labour had talked about a narrow government,

"but as for us - we are talking about a unity government only."

Another key figure in the NRP told *The Jerusalem Post* that his party had explicitly threatened Shamir, when they met in the afternoon, that if there were no unity government the NRP would join with Labour in voting for the dissolution of the Knesset and early elections.

This NRP figure said his party had made it "very clear" to Shamir that it would "brook no foot-dragging" and would support early elections despite NRP's own mixed feelings about this prospect. It would not tolerate the present Likud-led transitional government hanging on in power indefinitely.

Labour party sources felt that the NRP broadly supported Labour's position in the stalled unity talks - and NRP men did not deny this, though they suggested certain amendments to the Shamir-Peres agreement-in-principle. Among these were:

- A suggestion that Likud hold the foreign ministry for the entire duration of the unity government. (In last week's agreement, the foreign ministry was to rotate along with the premiership);

- A proposal that a Likud deputy minister serve under Labour's defence minister (Yitzhak Rabin);

- An idea for "tripartite rotation" whereby Peres would be premier for the first term, with Rabin as foreign minister and Shamir deputy premier and defence minister. Then Shamir would become premier for the second 25-month period, with Rabin as defence minister and Peres as deputy premier and foreign minister. This idea was also attributed to various

Likud and Labour politicians.

Labour sources indicated last night that their party might be prepared to swallow the first suggestion - if that concession would reconstitute the agreement-in-principle of last week.

Rabin himself told *The Post* that Labour had formally accepted the second proposal - even before the NRP raised it.

But regarding the "tripartite rotation," there seemed to be no takers for that in Labour, and Rabin himself was reliably understood to be strongly against it.

On the unresolved question of West Bank settlements approved by the outgoing government but not yet built, a proposal was circulating last night whereby Labour would acknowledge the "principle of continuity" as applying to these approvals - but in practice settlement activity would proceed only in the "consensus" areas, unless the cabinet specifically decided otherwise.

The tension of Sunday night's deadlocked meeting overflowed in tough recriminations by Peres in an Army Radio interview yesterday morning. Peres accused Shamir of backing away from hand-written accords which he said the two men had drawn up last Wednesday night.

Shamir says there were no "accords" but merely an exchange of proposals. "But I would hardly have presented my own proposals to my party colleagues," Peres contended.

The Labour leader spoke of the chances of resuming the unity dialogue as almost non-existent. "If it's possible, I will establish a narrow-based government," he declared.

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Yahad opposes more concessions to Likud

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Yahad, now a faction of the Alignment, is pressing the Alignment not to make any more concessions to the Likud.

After Alignment and National Religious Party leaders met yesterday, a senior Yahad source predicted that the Alignment would not budge one inch from the national unity agreement reached with the Likud last Wednesday.

"The Likud should stop driving people crazy with their new proposals and trying to call the agreement reached last week by other names. It's obvious the national unity talks failed due to the Likud's internal problems," the source said.

The NRP, which is pushing for a national unity government, "failed to understand" why the Likud sabot-

aged the talks with the Alignment, the Yahad source said, noting that the Peres-Shamir agreement seemed "reasonable and logical" to the NRP.

Yahad and parts of the Labour Party opposed the NRP's appointing itself mediator between the Alignment and the Likud, he said.

"They were told at the meeting that the two large parties do not need any mediators, since they're on speaking terms with each other, but the NRP insisted on talking to the Likud," the source said.

"If the NRP decides to join an Alignment-led government, the other religious parties will follow," the source continued.

"They must break the psychological barrier which makes them think the Likud is the home of the religious parties. Once they join an Alignment

government, the Likud may also join. But the most important thing is for the small parties to realize that it is vital to form a government now. The people want a government, not new elections," he said.

SLA takes control of Nabatiya today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. - The IDF this morning is to turn over to the South Lebanon Army responsibility for security in Nabatiya. The town has 22,000 inhabitants, most of them Shi'ites.

The SLA has already taken control of Jezzeine and the former "Haddadland" strip along the Israeli border.

Eban withdraws candidacy

Hillel is Labour choice for Speaker

Post Knesset Correspondent

Labour's Shlomo Hillel was unanimously chosen as the Alignment's candidate for Knesset Speaker yesterday - despite a last-minute bid by Labour secretary-general Haim Bar-Lev to postpone the vote to give Abba Eban a better chance of winning.

But Eban later withdrew his candidature at the last moment when he saw that Bar-Lev's ploy, based on a one-sided interpretation of the party constitution, had fallen flat.

The election of the Speaker, an open vote in the Knesset plenum, takes place next Tuesday.

Last night it was still unclear who Hillel might face from the Likud or other factions. But it was certain that the six MKs of the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality and the Progressive Peace List held the key to Hillel's success or failure.

The Likud's outgoing deputy Speaker, Meir Cohen-Avidov, has already started lobbying among his faction colleagues to become the rival candidate.

But Likud leaders have so far kept him at arms' length on the premise that if he stands he could cause a pro-Hillel backlash.

Cohen-Avidov's public statements about the Arabs and critics of Likud policies have caused some revulsion and are expected to cost him critical votes.



Shlomo Hillel

Some Likud men suggest the National Religious Party's Avner Sciaky as candidate for Knesset Speaker on the premise that Sciaky's colleagues in the NRP may want him out of the running for the cabinet.

The NRP has merely said that the Speakership like all other appointments or jobs has to be wrapped up in one big package deal.

Likud whip Ronnie Milo said yesterday that until the coalition negotiations became clearer, there was no point in picking a counter-candidate to Hillel. He said the party leaders would probably begin intensive contacts on Thursday in Tel Aviv.

Earlier in the day, preparations were being made in the Alignment faction to bring out the ballot box as originally decided, when party secretary-general Bar-Lev phoned faction chairman Moshe Shahal and asked him to hold everything.

Bar-Lev was understood to be acting at the request of party chairman Shimon Peres.

Bar-Lev told Shahal there was a clause in the party constitution stipulating that party bodies must endorse the name of any Labour candidate for Knesset Speaker.

But, meanwhile, Hillel, who was tipped off about the move through a mole in Labour headquarters, perused the party constitution and found that the faction must recommend such candidates first to the party bodies.

Hillel then went to Shahal and got him to phone Bar-Lev in his presence and insist on the faction voting as scheduled, to recommend its candidate, after which the name of the candidate would be submitted to the party.

A few minutes later Eban notified Shahal that he was withdrawing his candidature. Mapam's Chaïke Grossman had earlier stood down.

Shahal then announced that the vote on Hillel would be held openly at a faction meeting and Hillel won unanimous approval.

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Montreal blast kills three

MONTREAL (AP). - At least three people died and 27 others were injured yesterday, some seriously, when a bomb exploded in a locker at Montreal's central railway station, showering glass and debris over dozens of passengers waiting for trains.

Rosanne Lachance of Urgence Sante, Montreal's emergency medical service, said ambulances transported 27 people to hospital. The three dead were taken to the morgue, she said.

Shortly after the blast, a Canadian Press photographer was shown a photo copy of a letter making incoherent threats against the Vatican. Written on top of the letter which was reportedly received by rail offi-

cials and police a week ago, are the words: "9.30 a.m. September 3, 1984."

The letter was addressed to the "directeur" of Amtrak, the U.S. passenger rail agency, care of Central Station. An Amtrak train from New York and Washington was due in at 9.35. It arrived at 11.05.

The bombing comes a week before the pope is scheduled to arrive in Montreal as part of a cross-Canada tour.

Lt. Paul Henry of the Montreal police said the explosion occurred at 10.22 a.m.

The explosion occurred as about 150 people waited in line for a train to Ottawa.

28-year-old printer is \$40 million richer

CHICAGO (AP). - State lottery officials announced yesterday the name of the one person who picked all six winning numbers in the Illinois Lottery's lotto game - winning a record North American grand prize of \$40 million.

Michael Witkowski, a 28-year-old printer, picked the winning numbers 02-03-10-26-30-43, said Michael Jones, the lottery director.

The giant jackpot prompted record sales of tickets for the lotto game last week, and the state's lottery computer system spent the weekend scanning the entries before confirming that a winning combination was played among the 31.7 million tickets sold.

Witkowski will receive \$2m. annually for 20 years.

Jones said 2,020 lotto players matched five out of the six numbers, and each will receive \$1,569.

Much ululation and dancing as Maof lands in Swaziland

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

MBABANE, Swaziland. - Hefty Swazi women waving grass brooms and long handled spoons ululated and danced on the tarmac of this kingdom's small airport yesterday morning, welcoming the first flight here by Maof, the Israeli charter company.

Foreign Minister Mhambi Minsi and Minister of Commerce and Industry Derek von Wissel were on hand to greet the visitors.

Several senior Swazi dignitaries, including the late king's eldest son and the ministers for foreign affairs, defence and transport are due in Israel tomorrow on Maof's return flight.

President Chaim Herzog had invited the kingdom's Indolkazi (she elephant) Ntombi, his current opposite number, for a visit to Israel.

But Ntombi, the queen mother, is sending Prince Kwethiswa Dlamini as her personal representative. Minsi, the ministers for defence and youth, and army commander Brig. General Gideon Dube will also come.

The new service is considered particularly important here, since it is the first from a country outside the South African region, von Wissel told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The inaugural flight left Ben-Gurion Airport shortly before midnight Sunday and flew along the Red Sea until a point south of Sudan when it turned south over several Black African countries which do not maintain diplomatic relations with Israel.

Shortly after landing, the Maof Boeing 707 took off empty for Johannesburg, and returned with

some 160 local dignitaries and travel agents for a party to mark the inauguration of the new service.

The plane will return the South African guests to Johannesburg today. Swaziland's Prime Minister Prince Bekimpfi Dlamini was expected at last night's party.

At a press conference here, Maof's managing-director Yitzhak Gadish said he expected the service to attract many South Africans who would not otherwise have gone to Israel because fares on scheduled airlines are too high.

Swaziland, an independent kingdom whose policies are strongly influenced by neighbouring South Africa, maintains friendly relations with Israel, and was one of the very few Black African countries not to sever diplomatic relations after the Yom Kippur War.

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BRUSSELS	18	14	22	Cloudy
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COPENHAGEN	14	10	18	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	14	10	18	Cloudy
GENEVA	14	10	18	Cloudy
LONDON	14	10	18	Cloudy
MADRID	14	10	18	Cloudy
MONTREAL	14	10	18	Cloudy
NEW YORK	14	10	18	Cloudy
OSLO	14	10	18	Cloudy
PARIS	14	10	18	Cloudy
ROME	14	10	18	Cloudy
SAN FRANCISCO	14	10	18	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	14	10	18	Cloudy
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THE WEATHER

	Forecast: Partly cloudy to fair	Yesterday's	Min-Max	Today's
Jerusalem	45	17-26	30	
Golan	40	17-29	30	
Nahariya	49	16-27	28	
Safed	43	15-28	28	
Haifa Port	49	20-24	35	
Tiberias	42	18-28	39	
Nazareth	42	20-30	31	
Afula	54	18-28	29	
Shomron	50	22-30	30	
Tel Aviv	60	22-30	31	
B-G Airport	54	24-37	38	
Jericho	45	24-37	38	
Gaza	68	23-28	39	
Beersheba	51	19-30	32	
Eilat	28	25-35	37	

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

H.E. Ilonno Tarua, non-resident Ambassador of Papua New Guinea, yesterday called on acting Speaker of the Knesset, Abba Ebban.

Soldier left country in breach of IDF order

TEL AVIV (Itim). - A Ramat Gan woman who travelled to Romania yesterday in breach of an IDF order barring her from leaving the country appeared in Tel Aviv Magistrates Court yesterday.

Hedva Cohen, 22, left Israel although the army had forbidden her to do so while she was a soldier.

Judge Eliezer Cohen released her on IS75,000 bail and forbade her to leave the country.

Man gets four months for hitting social worker

HAIFA (Itim). - A Haifa man was sentenced yesterday to four months in jail and 16 months suspended sentence for having slapped a social worker's face and kicked the director of a centre for withdrawal from drug addiction.

The incident occurred in July of this year, after Shimon Biton, 23, was refused further treatment at the centre. He had been uncooperative and refused to follow the staff's directions.

Biton was convicted on the basis of his confession. His defence attorney argued that he had committed the offence when he was suffering from a lack of drugs. The judge said severe sentences must be given to persons who attack public servants.

16-year-old vagrant gets first bed in 18 months

NAHARIYA (Itim). - A 16-year-old German boy last night slept in a bed in the local police lock-up - the first bed he has had since his father abandoned him here 18 months ago. He was arrested after police found him breaking into the local Hamashbir Letzarchan store.

Police said that, during the interrogation of the youth, they learned that he was from a broken home. His father brought him to Israel 18 months ago, following his divorce, and abandoned him here. Since then the youth had been living off hand-outs and the proceeds of theft.

The police are now trying to decide on the boy's status and what to do with him.

2 Gaza army NCOs charged with assault

Two non-commissioned officers in the Gaza military government were accused in military court yesterday with assaulting a Gaza resident and causing him an eye injury.

The prosecution said the two, a sergeant-major and staff sergeant-major, attacked Mohammed Hassan Aida Abu Amra, 40. Among the witnesses called was a Gaza doctor who treated Abu Amra's wounds.

Abu Amra, testifying yesterday, said he was beaten when he came to plead that his house, which he had built without a permit, not be demolished.

However, a woman soldier who was sitting in the next room when Abu Amra came with his request, testified for the defence that she heard nothing unusual. (Itim)

AIRPORT. - Last month 453,845 passengers passed through Ben-Gurion Airport, the airport authority announced. This was some 5 per cent fewer than in August, 1983.

HOME NEWS

Flying Chief visits Western Wall

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

When Flying Chief, an American Indian elder, visited the Western Wall yesterday, a young man with beard and black coat came up to thank him. It was the search of the Indians for their roots that had caused the newly-religious Jew from California to seek his own heritage.

Flying Chief, whose legal name is Harold Butler, is a representative of the Traditional American Indian Elders Circle, a group which is seeking to help its people to return to their roots and culture.

A member of the Suquamish tribe of the U.S. Northwest, he was visiting Israel on his way back from the World Conference on Religion and Peace in Nairobi, where he forged close links with some of the Israeli delegates.

One of them was Shelley Elkayam of East for Peace, a group of Sephar-

dim devoted to fostering peace, who was elected vice-chairman of the Youth Assembly of the Conference and who arranged for Flying Chief to visit the country.

In addition to the Western Wall, Flying Chief visited Yad Vashem, where he had occasion to dwell upon the sufferings of both Indians and Jews. The inscription at Yad Vashem, he said, which spoke of the struggle for existence and human dignity, could well describe the aspirations of his own people.

He also paid a call at the Bahai International Court of Justice in Haifa, the world centre of another group which is presently experiencing great tribulations. Elkayam noted that at the conference, it was only the Israelis who confronted the Iranian Moslem delegates with the treatment of Bahais and Jews in their country.

The Indian visitor said his message

is one of reaching out to the peoples of the world, but also of anguish at the fate of his people in the U.S.

It was only in 1968, he said, that outlawing of Indian religious practices ceased in the U.S.

The Indians, he charged, are still victims of genocide and - the violation of civil rights. Indians are held as political prisoners, their religion persecuted, their women sterilized and their children stolen under the guise of foster care, he said.

The universal side of his message, Flying Chief said, was a Hopi prophecy that Mother Earth will undergo three purifications. The Hopis are a tribe which has served as link between various Indian tribes in America.

The first two "purifications," he said, were the two world wars, and a third wave of destruction is at hand unless humanity can avert it.



Graffiti cover the front of the Bank Leumi branch in Jerusalem's Kiryat Mattersdorf (Rahamim Israel)

MANDELBAUM

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plete freeze of prices. For this reason the governor proposes to examine the situation after the first three months of the freeze and to correct any deviations from planned targets.

The governor proposes that during this stage the consumer price index be published every fortnight.

The last stage under the central bank's scheme entails renewing economic growth through encouragement of private sector export activities.

Mandelbaum adds that during this stage the tax system should be reformed. A monetary reform would take place based on a balanced budget and a further cut in the size of the public sector.

The publication of the governor's scheme was received with open hostility by senior Treasury officials, worsening the already poor relations between the bank and the ministry. The bank blamed the government on Sunday for the drain in the foreign currency reserves.

Treasury sources said yesterday that Cohen-Orad will wait a few days before presenting the cabinet with his own economic plan which includes a \$1b. cut in the budget, a large cut in subsidies on basic commodities and a raise in taxes, in addition to the proposed freeze in wages and prices.

The ministry said that the current political deadlock may convince Cohen-Orad and the rest of the ministers that it is impossible to delay the plan and that its immediate implementation is imperative to stop the drain of foreign currency reserves.

HILLEL

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The faction then charged Shalal with the job of picking contact men to approach all the other factions, with the sole exception of Kach, over Hillel's candidature.

The Alignment will make a special effort to win over the DFPE and the Progressive List for Peace whose votes will be crucial.

Despite earlier reports to the contrary, the DFPE's Tawfik Toubi assured *The Jerusalem Post* that his faction had as yet no position with regard to Hillel's name and that it would fix its stand closer to September 11. Toubi recalled that in 1981 his faction supported Hillel as Speaker, albeit in vain.

The PLP's spokesman Haim Hanegbi told *The Post*: "Whoever wants anything from us will have to sit down with us as equals round a table and state his case and we shall see."

The DFPE is known to want the Alignment to promise approval of planning and housing projects on the municipal level in Arab areas, in return for their promise to back Hillel.

The likely attitude of the DFPE can be guessed at from its conduct during the election of Chaim Herzog as president, when it called back its members from abroad to block the election of Justice Menachem Eilon, the Likud nominee.

UNITY TALKS

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Shamir said, "I hope there is still a chance because the situation requires it."

Later yesterday morning, Labour sources in Tel Aviv told *The Post* that the party believed the only way to resuscitate the talks was to stand firm - and this accounted for Peres' tough line.

Likud MKs predicted that today's faction meeting would see widespread and vigorous support for the unity option - and thus, by implication, for Shamir's more moderate stand, and against Deputy Premier David Levy's hard line position.

"Shamir is moving the debate to the broader forum of the faction," a Likud-Liberal MK said, "because he believes that he can do better there than he did at the Likud ministers' meeting on Sunday."

There was talk in the Knesset yesterday of Liberal Party dissatisfaction over Levy's strong role in Sunday's meeting.

Meanwhile, MK Avraham Katz-Oz, orchestrating Labour's parallel effort to set up a narrow-based coalition, said yesterday that Labour would seek to form "a unity government without the Likud," as a first stage.

Portfolios would be "left open" for the Likud if it cared to join under the terms of last Wednesday's agreement. Katz-Oz thought some of the religious parties would go along with their approach.

Tel Aviv workers warn: Pay on time or we strike

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The city's municipal workers yesterday threatened to call a general strike as of Friday, following Mayor Shlomo Lahat's announcement on Sunday that the city is unable to pay them.

The municipality employees organization chairman, Theodore Kaufman, said yesterday that the workers would not wait one single day after Friday for their pay.

"If we don't get paid on Friday, we strike."

"This time the struggle facing us is especially difficult, but we won't have the workers live month after month in fear of not getting paid on payday," he warned.

Until recently, the city has been in the habit of borrowing from banks, at high interest rates, to pay its wage bill, which this month totalled IS1.75 billion. But on government instructions, the banks have closed their coffers to the municipality.

Interior Ministry sources told *The Jerusalem Post* that the government has transferred all the funds due to Tel Aviv and the municipality simply doesn't know how to handle its budget.

"We are not a wet nurse ready to suckle the baby (Tel Aviv) every time it's hungry. If you spend more than you get, you're out of funds," the sources said.

Senior Finance Ministry circles said that the city has "wildly exceeded" its budget and how it has handled the fund borders on a scandal.

They blasted Lahat for counting on the ministry to cover his debts over and over again and said that this time he would be taught a lesson.

Lahat refused to comment but senior city officials expressed amazement that Finance Ministry officials could criticize Tel Aviv for spending more than it earned, while the ministry itself overstepped its budget by IS134 billion.

Weinstein: Update MK salaries oftener

Post Knesset Correspondent

Liberal MK Ariel Weinstein launched a campaign yesterday to update the salaries of ministers, Knesset members, and directors of state corporations with every cost-of-living increment, and not twice yearly, as now.

Weinstein said that wages updated every six months have been eroded by between 38 and 48 per cent since April 1984.

He claimed that directors-general

of state corporations are paid less than subordinates now, because of the present system.

He admitted that the October salary of ministers, MKs and directors-general would go up hundreds of per cent, because of the six-months lag. But it would be fairer and more sensible to change the system and have the adjustment with each cost-of-living increment, as with all wage-earners, he told Knesset reporters.

ILA man suspect in Haifa boy's death

HAIFA (Itim). - The Haifa area director of the Israel Lands Authority, suspected of negligence which caused the death of a nine-year-old boy, was released yesterday on IS50,000 bail. Yosef Hess was also ordered to deposit his passport with the police.

The boy, Rabi'a Makhoul, died when he fell into a cistern in an abandoned house in Haifa's Wadi Salib quarter on August 1.

The police investigation into the death led to suspicion that Hess, 62, failed to take steps to prevent the accident, which occurred in a house on I.L.A. land.

In a hearing in Haifa Magistrates Court yesterday, the police said they had completed their interrogation of Hess and that they therefore did not object to his release on bail.

Salib quarter on August 1.

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AJC group to meet W. German president

By WLADIMIR STRUMINSKI
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. - West German Secretary of State Alois Mertes said yesterday that his country must educate young Germans to "feel sympathy for the Jewish heritage," and appreciate the Jewish contribution "to mankind and Germany."

He was talking to *The Jerusalem Post* after meeting with a visiting delegation of the American Jewish Committee. Mertes said that teaching about the Holocaust was important, but "not enough."

The young generation, which will be casting its vote for the first time in the 1987 election, was finding it difficult to understand the experience of its elders, he explained.

According to German sources, the possible German-Saudi Arabian arms deal was not discussed during the meeting between Mertes and the AJC delegation. Mertes reiterated his country's commitment to safeguard Israeli interests when Spain and Portugal join the European Community.

The AJC delegation is to be received by West German President Richard von Weizsaecker and will meet with government and opposition leaders, including representatives of the Greens Party. They may also meet Bavarian Prime Minister Franz-Josef Strauss.

Haifa woman, 70, dies in collapse of balcony

HAIFA (Itim). - A 70-year-old woman was killed here yesterday when the balcony of her apartment collapsed, police said. Esther Aharonowitz was sitting on the balcony on Rehov Sokolov in the Hadar neighbourhood and was crushed in the ruins.

Police evacuated the other residents of the building, who were permitted back after a check by the city engineer.

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PEACETIME ARMY. - An army exercise described as Britain's largest peacetime operation since World War II began yesterday. It is designed to practise beefing up troops in West Germany should war threaten with Warsaw Pact countries.

KNESSET

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Tawfik Toubi (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality) denounced MK Meir Kahane (Kach), who is now in the U.S. And Mohammed Miar (Progressive List for Peace) said it would have been more fitting for the summer term to begin with a bill against racism.

Matityahu Peled (PLP) denounced the government for reducing subsidies on basic commodities.

Toubi, Miar and Peled also referred to the Israel-Arab conflict in terms that led Amnon Linn (Alignment) to comment that from their remarks it would appear that it is the Jewish people that is responsible for the continued state of war.

At around 5.30, with half a dozen speakers still to be heard from and a second bill on the agenda, Eban announced that since there was no deputy speaker to relieve him only two more speakers would be heard.

Arson suspected in Tiberias hotel fire

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. - Fire department officials are to investigate whether arson was the cause of a fire at the Ganei Hamat hotel here yesterday. Firemen fought the blaze for two hours before putting it out.

Ultra-Orthodox elements have maintained that a wing of the hotel is being built on Jewish graves, and have held protest demonstrations at the site.

In Jerusalem, graffiti were discovered yesterday scrawled on the walls of the Bank Leumi (which owns the Ganei Hamat) in Kiryat Mattersdorf.

Some of the messages read: "Bank Leumi: you are wanted," "TNT," and "Keshet." The messages are thought to be in connection with the building of the Ganei Hamat hotel.

Bomb threat delays Madrid El Al flight

MADRID (AP). - An El-Al jetliner delayed its departure from Madrid for one hour yesterday following a bomb threat, airport police said.

According to police, a woman claiming to represent a group called the "Revolutionary Brigade" phoned a French news agency in Madrid saying a bomb had been planted on the plane.

The phone call was made 10 minutes before the plane was to take off.

Police made a thorough search of the plane and no bomb was found. Police said, however, that an unidentified Palestinian who was to fly on the plane was told to make the flight today.

PLO factions in Algiers peace bid

PARIS. - Senior officials of five factions in the PLO have arrived in Algiers for what is expected to be one of the last rounds of consultations before a meeting of the Palestine National Council planned for September 25.

The Algerian News Agency, monitored in Paris, said officials from Yasser Arafat's mainstream Fatah and the "Democratic Alliance" - a group of four PLO factions - met Algerian and South Yemen officials on Sunday.

2 policemen charged with beating suspect

BEERSHEBA (Itim). - Two policemen were charged in magistrate's court here yesterday with beating a man whom they arrested on suspicion of selling stolen goods.

The prosecution said Avinoam Golan, 28, of Holon and Avioz Aharon, 29, of Beersheba arrested the man two years ago when they were on patrol as police cadets. They allegedly beat the man both on the way to and in the police station.

The next session of the trial is to be at the end of the month.

Man released on bail in \$75,000 bond fraud

TEL AVIV (Itim). - A Canadian citizen was released on bail by a court here yesterday after being charged with fraudulently redeeming an Israel Bond worth \$75,000 and depositing the money in his own bank account.

A police representative said that Melech Liman, 45, a resident of Jerusalem, committed the offence two years ago. Liman was also accused of carrying out illegal foreign currency transactions for Israeli citizens.

The defendant was freed on bail.

Eilat to get unexpected IS100m. boost soon

EILAT (Itim). - This financially-troubled town will get a boost next week when IS5million placed in a savings account by former mayor Gad Katz comes to maturity, to the tune of IS100m.

Katz placed the money in the bank for the town five years ago, when its ledgers showed a surplus.

Excavators stop work to save sparrow nests

EILAT (Itim). - The Nature Reserves Authority yesterday intervened to prevent further destruction of the nests of Jordan sparrows by excavators levelling salt pans for the salt works here.

The Jordan sparrow, a rare specimen, is an attraction for European bird-watchers. The local representative of the authority said that work would not be resumed until a solution had been found for the nests.

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Dan decides not to fire its 30 women drivers

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Dan bus cooperative yesterday reversed a decision to fire its 30 women drivers. The reversal came during a labour court hearing brought in the name of the women by the Histadrut.

Dan had issued the 30 women with dismissal notices after one of them took the cooperative to court claiming she faced discrimination because of her sex, and had not been given tenure. This case is still pending.

In the course of yesterday's labour court hearing, Dan's legal representatives said the decision to fire the women had been taken because it is difficult to send them on military charters, or on early morning or late night runs. Women drivers cannot be sent into religious areas either, the court was told.

Under questioning, however, Dan personnel chief Eliahu Heiman revealed that the women had in fact made military charters deep into Lebanon, and did drive both early in

the morning and late at night.

The Histadrut representative pointed out that the dismissals contravened a 1958 convention, to which Israel is a signatory, against discrimination against women at places of work.

The labour court hearing was closed once Dan decided to rescind the dismissals.

Dan sources told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday, however, that Dan had not given up its battles against the women drivers. The cooperative intends to fight the still-pending case brought by the woman over discrimination, and intends to obtain signed statements from all women drivers that they will carry out all jobs performed by male drivers.

Meanwhile, in a hearing at the High Court of Justice yesterday, Egged cancelled a suit demanding that Dan show cause why it should not stop operating lines in Rishon LeZion and Herzliya. This move strengthened reports of plans for a merger between the two cooperatives.

Mekorot to convert Tapline for water

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. — The Tapline oil pipeline in the Golan Heights will soon be converted by Mekorot for use in energy production and irrigation.

The pipeline carried oil from Iraq to Lebanon via the Golan Heights until about a year ago, when the American company which operated it stopped using it. Some 40 kilometres of the pipe are within Israeli-held territory.

During a tour of the Golan yesterday, Ze'ev Ashkenazi, director-general of Mekorot, said the national water company would clean the pipe with chemicals and coat the inside for use as a water pipe.

Ashkenazi said water running downhill in the pipeline would be used for producing electricity, as well as irrigating Golan fields in the summer. Most of the water will come from natural reservoirs in the Golan Heights.

Summer time would save more if longer

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Summer time must be stretched from spring through autumn to effect a substantial saving of electricity. This is the conclusion of an analysis of the official saving figures released by the Electric Corporation yesterday.

The figures showed the saving was 0.7 per cent of consumption, worth \$2 million.

But, according to Shmuel Ritter,

the corporation's statistician, the savings during the first month, in spring was substantially higher — 0.9 per cent. Savings appeared to be greater during the period of change from spring to summer itself.

There are no data for autumn because summer time was stopped last week.

Altogether 3.5 million kilowatt-hours of electricity were saved.

Woman gets 30 months, despite illness

HAIFA (Itim). — A woman said to be suffering from cancer was yesterday sentenced to 30 months in jail and a further 30 months suspended in the local district court.

In sentencing Miriam Steiner, 63, for fraud, Judge Eliahu Cohen said there was no difference in law between a sick and a healthy person.

The judge ordered a medical and psychiatric examination of Steiner and said that if she was found to be suffering from cancer, as she contended, the prison authorities should permit her to undergo the necessary

treatment at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital.

Steiner was found guilty of defrauding a number of people out of hundreds of thousands of shekels by posing as a rich immigrant from Germany who would supply them with cars and electrical appliances.

The judge said that Steiner had swindled some of the plaintiffs out of their life's savings, without compunction. In her defence, Steiner said that her army officer son had abandoned her during the period that she committed the offences and that she was gravely ill.

Receiver appointed for contractor

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A temporary receiver has been appointed for the assets of Rishon LeZion contractor Haim Schechter and his wife Edit, and he has been authorized to seize all assets belonging to the couple.

Several hundred Rishon LeZion families found themselves without flats in July when Schechter was unable to complete buildings because of financial problems.

Tel Aviv District Court president Channa Evron appointed attorney Eliezer Volvosky as temporary receiver, at the request of Bank Leumi.

The bank claims Schechter's contracting firm owes it IS658 million, \$300,000 and 67,000 French francs. The debt is made up of guarantees to buyers of flats, a debit account and several loans.

Bank Leumi has also requested that Schechter, his wife, businessman Avner Shimoni and his wife Rahel be declared bankrupt.

Fines doubled by order of justice minister

TEL AVIV (Itim). — All fines imposed by the courts were doubled yesterday by order of Justice Minister Moshe Nissim. The justice minister is permitted to increase fines every six months. The maximum fine for passing a cheque without cover, for example, has been increased from IS400,000 to IS800,000.



Ten new judges — seven women and three men — are sworn in yesterday by President Chaim Herzog at Beit Hanassi. Justice Minister Moshe Nissim and Supreme Court Chief Justice Meir Shamgar also attended the ceremony. (Rahamim Israeli)

Benzion Rubin leaves post at Labour Ministry

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Benzion Rubin has now left his duties at the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, having passed 30 days since the publication in *Reshumi* of the results of the Knesset elections.

Rubin was the only deputy minister in the government who was not re-elected to the Knesset and thus could not continue to hold his post.

As a retiring deputy minister, Rubin was entitled to the use of his car and other perquisites for up to 30 days after the publication in *Reshumi*.

Na'amat calls for free paternity tests

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Na'amat has demanded that the Health Ministry provide unmarried mothers free tests to establish their children's paternity.

In a letter to Health Minister Eliezer Shostak, Na'amat Secretary-General Nisha Lubelsky wrote that these tests are performed at Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer for \$355 and at Hadassah for about \$412, but that many unmarried mothers have economic and social difficulties and cannot afford the tests.

She said these mothers and their children deserve help in their efforts to prove the identity of the child's natural father.

Na'amat provides legal, psychological and other assistance to Irgun Imahot Lo N'suot, an organization of unmarried mothers, as part of its services to one-parent families.

Success reported in road safety programme

Jerusalem Post Staff

A six-month experiment to get drivers to change their habits voluntarily, rather than by threat of punishment, resulted in a 50 per cent drop in speeding violations and a 20 per cent decrease in accidents.

This was revealed yesterday by the head of the Road Safety Authority, Moshe Amirav.

He said that in the experiment, signs were posted on several Haifa streets asking drivers to slow down and drive carefully. Police were posted on these streets also, but when they stopped speeders they only cautioned them. In the last months of the experiment, the police were removed.

The number of drivers on the streets who exceeded the speed limit went down from 32 per cent to 14 per cent, Amirav said. He added that while the road accident rate in Haifa went up in the same period by 35 per cent, it went down on these streets by 20 per cent.

Jaffa jeweller shot by two masked robbers

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A jewellery shop owner was shot and wounded during a robbery yesterday afternoon.

Two masked young men entered Akram Kamal's shop on Rehov Yefet in Jaffa, and told him to shut up and hand over all the jewelry or they would shoot him.

Apparently Kamal cried out for help, and one of the robbers shot him with a pistol. Kamal was taken to Wolfson Hospital for treatment.

The robbers emptied out the display windows and escaped. Police are investigating.

More new immigrants arrived last month

Last month saw a rise in the number of new immigrants arriving at Ben-Gurion Airport, the Ministry of Absorption announced yesterday. Some 1,500 immigrants arrived, compared with a previous monthly average of 1,200 during 1984.

Most of the arrivals were from the U.S. and France, with others coming from Rumania and South America. There were only a handful of immigrants from the Soviet Union.

Ministry to formulate guide on duties, rights of children

Jerusalem Post Staff

Guidelines are to be formulated this year on the duties and rights of children in school, an Education Ministry spokesman announced yesterday. The guidelines are to be decided on by a group of teachers who will attend a seminar on the subject.

Oil-thirsty customers stage 'run' on stores

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The country's supermarkets were besieged first thing yesterday morning with shoppers keen to stock up on soya cooking oil, whose price was raised 82 per cent by the Treasury on Monday night.

Customers sought to buy in bulk before the stores had time to alter the price codes.

At a number of supermarkets people were waiting outside well before opening time.

In some stores, due to the heavy demand, managers imposed a quota of two or three bottles of soya oil per customer.

One store owner told *The Jerusalem Post* that the run on cooking

oil was just a one-time occurrence.

He pointed out that most of the subsidized basic foods went up by 15 to 20 per cent, and there was no panic buying on those foods.

Supermarket officials told *The Post* that their policy is always to sell goods such as cooking oil at the old price as long as supplies are available.

They were confident that Israelis' buying habits would not change and that spending on food would not fall, despite the economic situation.

Most of the supermarket chains are now preparing sales promotions for the Rosh Hashana and Succot festivals. These sales are expected to start soon, and the officials are confident that business will be brisk.

Herzog hosts discretionary fund donors

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Major donors to a discretionary fund used by the president to help individuals in trouble and support other causes were honoured yesterday at a Beit Hanassi luncheon.

President Chaim Herzog thanked 17 donors to the fund, which last year helped 122 individuals in trouble.

The funds, donated by persons in Israel and abroad, are for the discretionary use of the president, who bases his decisions on recommendations from a committee. Beit Hanassi has not publicized the size of the fund, but it disclosed that money is used to buy such things as washing machines for very needy families, to cover dental work for children in very difficult circumstances and to help ex-convicts.

In addition, the fund supplies contributions to voluntary organizations for their annual appeals and projects favoured by the president.

Many of the people who have received help had merely written letters to Beit Hanassi describing their problem, but not expecting any material assistance.

The 17, who contributed on their own behalf or on behalf of the institution they represent, were Victor Carter (international chairman of the fund), Yosef Carmel (deputy chairman), Philip Goodman, Shlomo Eliahu, Aharon Meir, Eli Cohen, Udi Recanat, Yekutiel Federman, Yisrael Pollak, Avraham Chorli, Harry Sapir, Naim Sasson, Mordechai Katz, Daniel Rosolio, Michael Strauss, Eli Tokatli and Herbert Cohen.

Two groups dispute Bnei Brak school

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The local district court will rule today on the status of the Hashomer school in Bnei Brak. But the court yesterday ruled that the Masoret Avot Talmud Tora of the Gur Hassidim could continue using the premises for the time being.

The Masoret Avot school is using the building by virtue of a decision by the Bnei Brak municipality, but the Beit Ya'acov religious girl's school also wants the building. The girls' school won a temporary court injunction to prevent the boys' school from using the building, but later withdrew it and agreed that the Rabbinical Court could decide the matter.

The Hashomer school, formerly a part of the state system, was left empty this year for lack of pupils and both religious groups wanted the building for their pupils.

Four schools in the Sharon region were on strike yesterday to press their demands for better conditions.

The Yigal Allon school in Moshav

Kadima, the Etzion religious school in Kfar Sava, the Ganei Zvi school in Hod Hasharon and four classes in Netanya's Be'eri school were struck by their local parents' committees in protest against the conditions of the classrooms.

And in Tel Aviv's Bialik school, the four sixth grade classes were on strike in protest against the municipality's decision to transfer the higher classes to a neighbouring school. The parents think that transferring the higher classes to another school will effectively put an end to the Bialik school, hitherto regarded as a good one.

ART EDUCATION. — Michal Zemor, head of the Rubin Music Academy in Jerusalem, has been appointed chairman of a public committee set up by the Education Ministry to check the state of art education in the schools. The panel will examine instruction in music, dance, theatre and the plastic arts.



Uri Barabash

Israeli film wins prize at Venice Film Festival

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Israeli film *Beyond Bars* directed by Uri Barabash, has been awarded the International Film Critics' prize at the Venice Film Festival. It is the first time that an Israeli film has won this award.

Presented on the second day of the festival, *Beyond Bars* was a firm favourite, and it won the votes of an overwhelming majority of the critics on the jury.

The judges spoke of the professional standard of the movie, as well as the importance of its message — peace and understanding between Jews and Arabs.

The film describes the relations between Jewish and Arab inmates in the maximum security block of an Israeli jail.

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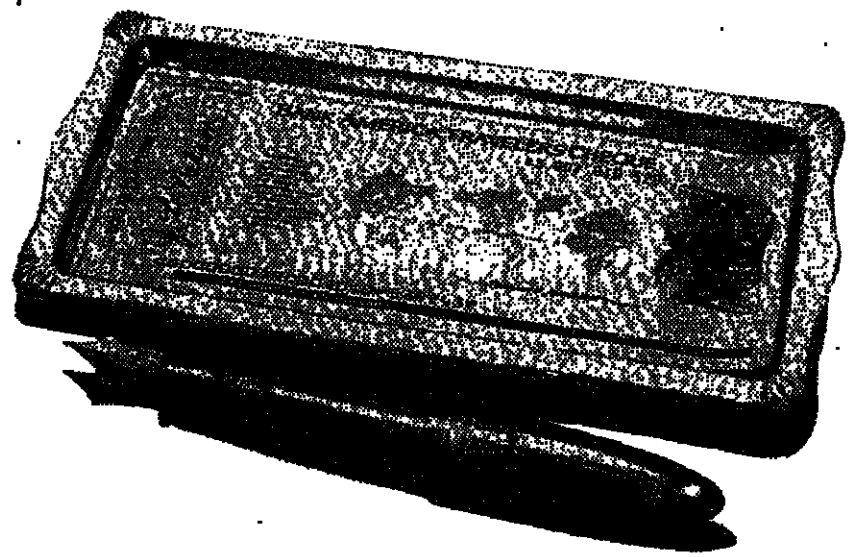
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Miners win massive union backing

BRIGHTON, England (AP). — The 10-million-member Trades Union Congress voted at its annual conference yesterday to back the coal miners in their six-month strike, but key unions declared in an acrimonious debate that they would withhold support.

The 1,100 delegates to the TUC Conference had an overwhelming show of hands in favour of a consensus measure calling on unions to refuse to handle coal, coke or oil that moved across official picket lines. However, the steelworkers and power station workers said they would not obey the call.

John Lyons, general secretary of the Power Station Workers Union,

the Engineers and Managers Association, was booed as he declared that boycotting fuel would lead to a cut-off of electricity that would hit the old and sick and risk tens of thousands of jobs.

"We will not do it, our members will not do it," Lyons said. "If our enormous powers were to be used in this way it would be to threaten democracy itself."

Before the vote Arthur Scargill, leftist leader of the National Union of Mineworkers, urged the TUC to fight against the Conservative government's anti-union policies.

"Not this union and not any other union will be sacrificed on Margaret

Thatcher's anti-union laws," Scargill said.

Meanwhile, hopes for ending the coal strike were raised anew when Ian MacGregor, chairman of the state-run National Coal Board, announced in London that another round of negotiations would be held with the National Union of Mineworkers.

The announcement had been expected as a gesture by the coal board toward easing the tension generated by the TUC's critical debate. But several earlier attempts at negotiation have failed because the coal board refuses to scrap plans for closing unprofitable mines.

U.S.: Chernenko falsely assessing our policy

WASHINGTON. — The Reagan administration said Sunday that Soviet leader Konstantin Chernenko's assertion his country is seeking a dialogue with the U.S. breaks no new ground and is based on a false assessment of U.S. policy.

State Department spokeswoman Sondra McCarty said the U.S. welcomes Chernenko's overture for resolving differences, but contended it was the Soviet Union that has been balking at resuming stalled peace talks.

"We will, of course, study Mr. Chernenko's statement carefully, but at first reading, he doesn't appear to go beyond previous Soviet policy statements," McCarty said.

"His assessment of U.S. policy is, unfortunately, both wholly familiar, and wholly false," she added.

In an interview with the Commun-

ist Party newspaper *Pravda*, Chernenko said he still seeks a dialogue with the U.S. on nuclear arms and space weapons, but he offered no new proposals for beginning talks.

His comments were distributed Saturday by the official news agency Tass in advance of Sunday's publication of *Pravda*.

A Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday Chernenko was carrying out his official duties but would not say if the Soviet leader had returned to his office in the Kremlin.

"The fact that Konstantin Ustinovich Chernenko gave these answers (in *Pravda*)... shows he is carrying out his duties as general secretary of the Central Committee and chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet," he said.

The Communist leader, 73 on

September 24, has not been seen in public for seven weeks and there is growing speculation among both Russians and foreign diplomats that he has been taken ill.

The Soviet Union also said yesterday proposed space weapons talks with the U.S. were impossible and reaffirmed its tough conditions for reviving negotiations on nuclear arms.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman told a press briefing that as far as the Kremlin was concerned it had not received a positive reply to its call for talks on preventing the militarization of space to begin in Vienna on September 18.

"I must emphasize that these bilateral negotiations are impossible because of the position of the U.S.," he said.

Iran: No end in sight for Gulf War

TEHERAN (Reuters). — Iranian Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi said yesterday he saw no end to the Gulf War unless Iraqi President Saddam Hussein falls from power.

At a rare press conference, thought to be the first to which he has invited foreign reporters, Mousavi unequivocally reiterated Iran's war demands and denied foreign press reports of an Iranian policy shift towards a diplomatic settlement of the four-year-old conflict.

Asked whether he saw an end to the war in the near future, he replied: "The only possibility we see is the fall of Saddam (Hussein)."

"Our aims have in no way changed since the beginning of the war. The overthrow of Saddam's regime is among our aims. Both the war and our diplomatic efforts will continue until the realization of this aim."

Mousavi invited the small group of

foreign reporters based in Teheran to the press conference, apparently because of a recent speech by spiritual leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in which he criticized the government for not publicly explaining its policies.

Questions were submitted in writing in advance.

In reply to one about a new Iranian Gulf War offensive, expected since early this year, the prime minister replied: "The delay in the offensive is simply due to tactical reasons ... it is in no way related to any change in Iran's methods or policy."

"Our forces on the fronts are in excellent condition and completely prepared for an extensive operation. That the offensive has not started does not mean that it will not happen right now, tomorrow or two months from now."

Opposition leading as Canada votes today

OTTAWA (Reuters). — Canada's Progressive Conservative Party, in opposition for all but nine months of the last 21 years, look set to win a huge majority in today's general election, according to all opinion poll forecasts of the result.

The polls show the PCP leading the ruling Liberal Party by almost two to one. The conservatives have not enjoyed such popular support since John Diefenbaker swept to power in 1958 and remained prime minister until April 1963.

Former Montreal mining company executive Brian Mulroney, who

took over as PCP leader just 15 months ago, is the man behind the Conservative upsurge.

He began the campaign eight weeks ago as underdog against newly-installed Prime Minister John Turner, who had just won a long Liberal leadership battle after Pierre Trudeau resigned.

But Turner's popularity rapidly waned in the face of the well-organized PCP political machine.

Mulroney attacked Turner for agreeing to give plum patronage posts to Trudeau loyalists. He also outpointed him in television debates.

Major shake-up in Austrian cabinet

VIENNA (AP). — Austrian Chancellor Fred Sinowatz yesterday announced the replacement of four cabinet ministers in the Socialist-led government.

"For me, it is a question of ensuring the efficiency of the federal government and keeping a high degree of commitment to teamwork," Sinowatz said. He praised the outgoing cabinet members and denied the shuffle was brought about by political infighting that has centred on the post of finance minister.

Former finance minister Hannes Androsch, now chairman of Creditanstalt Bankverein, Austria's largest bank, has been under investigation concerning alleged tax evasion in financing a private villa.

Two audits into Androsch's finances have failed to reveal any wrongdoing.

Sinowatz announced the following changes:

- Foreign Minister Erwin Lang will be replaced by Vienna Mayor Leopold Gratz;
- Finance Minister Herbert Salcher will be replaced by Franz Vranitzky, director-general of Laenderbank, the country's second largest commercial bank;
- Transport Minister Karl Lansecker will be replaced by state secretary Ferdinand Lacinia;
- Family Minister Elfriede Karl will be replaced by Gertrude Froehlich-Sandner, deputy mayor of Vienna.

Test-tube 'orphans' likely to be destroyed

SYDNEY (AP). — Two frozen embryos "orphaned" by the death of their millionaire American parents are likely to be destroyed, following recommendations in an official report released yesterday.

But officials confirmed that no action would be taken for three months to give the public time to react.

The two embryos have been held in storage since the death of Mario and Elsa Rios in a plane crash in Chile last year. The wealthy couple had been trying to have a test-tube baby at the pioneering Queen Victoria Medical Centre in Melbourne after the accidental shooting death of their only child.

An international outcry erupted when existence of the embryos was revealed by press reports in June. Right to Life groups and others demanded that every effort be made to revive the embryos by implantation in a surrogate mother.

Women in Australia, the U.S., Japan and other nations called for the embryos to be implanted in them amid speculation on whether the embryos had claim on the Rios' estate, estimated at more than \$1 million.

Formed at the request of the state, a committee of experts has been

meeting since 1982 to study the legal and ethical implications of *in vitro* fertilization.

The committee decided the embryos should be thawed and disposed of because the Rios had left no instructions on what should be done in the event of their death, said officials.

The embryos are frozen in liquid nitrogen along with hundreds of others at the Melbourne hospital.

Victoria State Attorney General Jim Kennan said the public would first be given three months to express their views before any action is taken.

There have been many demands that the embryos be thawed and

implanted in a surrogate mother and there was need for further discussion, he added.

The committee, led by legal expert Prof. Louis Waller, also recommended medical experimentation on embryos up to 14 days old be allowed and freezing of embryos continue.

But he came out against payment to surrogate mothers and Kennan added that the state would move immediately to outlaw surrogate mothering for pay and also advertising for surrogate mothers.

Prof. Carl Wood, head of the IVF team, has warned that the embryos were frozen when the technique was in its infancy and there was little chance they would survive thawing.

Sports

Valiant exit

By JACK LEON
and Agencies

Despite his narrow third round defeat on Sunday night by Henrik Sundstrom, Israel's Shahar Perkis has good reason to look back fondly on his performance in the U.S. tennis Open which the Swede — the world's ninth ranking player — brought to an end on Sunday night.

The Haifa lad who will be 22 next month battled gamely for three hours and six minutes before succumbing 7-6 (7-4), 6-4, 5-7, 6-4. Perkis' effort gained him \$5,000, by far his biggest jackpot since he began playing the circuit two years ago. He turned pro in March this year on leaving the army. His earlier victories in the tournament also netted him 30 ATP computer points to boost him to around 70th spot, a leap of some 400 places over the last 12 months.

The 20-year-old Swede, second only to Mats Wilander among Bjorn Borg's heirs (there are no fewer than five young Swedes among the top 25 players in the world) has already won three Grand Prix titles this year after coupling a similar number of tournaments during 1983.

This tournament is proving a triumph for the 30 plus players Britain's John Lloyd who has just celebrated his 30th birthday scored the most impressive win of the round with an upset of seventh seeded Johan Kriek whom he beat 2-6, 7-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Lloyd, ranked in the top 30 in the world before his marriage, is one of the greatest players in women's tennis history but now was down the list, dominated the South Africa-born Kriek after their second-set taker. He dropped his service to begin the third set, but then broke right back. "This was my finest match ever," Lloyd said. "Considering the occasion and the quality of the other player, this is the finest I've ever played."

Jimmy Connors, now 32, swept past Henri Leconte of France 6-4, 6-1, 7-6 in his bid to win his third consecutive U.S. title and sixth overall. The left-hander was never in trouble against his French opponent, who alternated brilliant winners with sloppy play. "This match here makes me very alert, makes me expect everything back, not take anything for granted," Connors said of his inconsistent foe.

A subdued John McEnroe, in perfect control of his game and his on-court behaviour, breezed past Kevin Moir of South Africa 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

Also advancing were Tommaso Naud, seeded 13, of Czechoslovakia who ousted Tom Gilliland, Gene Mayer who hammered Guillermo Vilas in straight sets and the unseeded Robert Green (who comes to the Ramat Hasharon Grand Prix next week). He beat John Fitzgerald of Australia in four hard sets.

There were no further surprises among the women, fourth seed, including Pam Shriver (seeded fourth), Wendy Turnbull (13), Barbara Potter (15), Lisa Bowder (9), Susan Mascarin and the Czech Helena Sukova who ended the five run of the 14-year-old Argentine Gabriela Sabatini with a 6-4, 6-3 victory.

Ivan Lendl and Pat Cash last night moved swiftly into the quarter-finals with convincing straight set victories over Anders Jarryd and Greg Holmer, respectively.

Double pleasure

NEW YORK (AP). — Leon Durham's 21st home run of the season was dedicated to his new-born daughter, but it also helped maintain the Chicago Cubs' five-game lead over the New York Mets in the National League East, as the centre-piece of Sunday's baseball action. Chicago stopped Atlanta 4-2 to maintain their margin over the Mets, who rode George Foster's 12th-inning single to a 3-2 victory over the San Diego Padres.

"I told my wife before I left Cincinnati that the next one would be for the kid," Durham said. "It was a big thrill for me, too." Durham missed the first two games of the four-game series because of a hamstring injury.

In other NL games, Bryn Smith and Rick James pitched a combined five-hitter as Major League Baseball's 4-0; Dave Parker drove in four runs with two doubles and a sacrifice fly as Cincinnati beat Pittsburgh 7-1; Philadelphia beat San Francisco 6-3 as rookie Rick Schiavone tripled and hit a two-run home run in support of Shane Bieber's pitching; and Bruce Sutter led a National League record with a 5-1 win as St. Louis beat Houston 4-1.

In the American League, Doyle Alexander threw a two-hitter as Toronto blanked Minnesota 6-0 to extend the Twins' losing streak to five games. Kansas City scored within one game of Minnesota in the AL West with a 10-inning, 4-3 victory over Chicago; New York dropped California to third in the West with a 5-3 triumph over the Angels; Eastern Division leaders Detroit beat Oakland 6-3; Cleveland edged Boston 3-2 and Baltimore shaded Seattle 4-3.

Redskins scalped

NEW YORK (AP). — Dan Marino ruffled five touchdowns passes to lead the Miami Dolphins to a 35-17 rout of the Washington Redskins on Sunday, the opening day of the National Football League season. Marino's performance highlighted a 12-game schedule which included the first NFL regular-season game ever played in Indianapolis, a 23-14 victory by the New York Jets over the transplanted Colts, and good performances by several fill-in players.

In other action, it was Atlanta 36, New Orleans 28; Denver 21, Cincinnati 17; Kansas City 27, Pittsburgh 27; San Diego 40, Minnesota 13; Chicago 34, Tampa Bay 14; New England 21, Buffalo 17; New York Giants 28, Philadelphia 27; Green Bay 24, St. Louis 23; San Francisco 30, Detroit 27, and the Los Angeles Raiders 24, Houston Oilers 14.

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ALON AND ELI are both 18 years old. Both have been in the army for three months. For the most part the resemblance between these two young Israeli soldiers ends right there.

Alon comes from one of Jerusalem's "better" neighborhoods. Eli is from a disadvantaged area of the city. Alon finished high school; Eli left school at 15 and has been working at intermittent jobs since. Alon already knows that he wants to be an architect, and has every reason to expect that he will be admitted to the Technion when he finishes his military service. Eli has no idea what he will do after the army. He has no plans.

But even with all these differences, Alon and Eli still share one more significant point of reference. Both of them cast their first ballot last month, and both of them voted for parties at the extreme right of what the Likud has so arrogantly designated as "The National Camp."

Alon voted for Tehiya-Tzomet and Eli for Meir Kahane.

Neither of them is an isolated phenomenon. Five per cent of the soldiers' vote went to Kahane and to Tehiya. All in all, 53 per cent of the men and women in uniform voted for "The National Camp." The statistics showed clearly that in that age-group there was a political shift to the right.

After speaking — on separate occasions — to Alon and to Eli it became clear to this writer that in essence the two youngsters were saying the same thing. However, Alon, son of a businessman and a university-educated mother, has more experience in expressing his thoughts and feelings, and is better at making his points in an argument. Eli, whose father is a labourer and whose parents are both disadvantaged educationally, has more trouble putting his feelings into words.

Eli says he voted for Kahane because he is "sick and tired of the yes-no answers others give me." Kahane, he says, at least knows what he wants and promises to do it if he can. This, he feels, is a better and more honest approach than any other he has encountered. As to democracy and fair play and freedom, Eli doesn't attach much value to those ideas. "Democracy?" he laughs. "What kind of a democracy is it where half the population gets it all? I was 11 when the Likud came in, and until then we were really poor. Now, at least, we can live." And as to fair play and freedom, well, "everyone has to take care of himself, doesn't he?"

Asked why he chose to go to the right of the Likud in making his choice, Eli replies that even the Likud has started to equivocate ("to

WHY YOUTH TURN RIGHT

The Jerusalem Post's D'vora Ben Shaul asks a psychologist and a teacher why far-right parties and personalities appeal to young Israelis.

yes-no") about things. He wants clear answers.

Alon obviously thought more about his decision. "Look," he says, "I didn't make aliya to Israel. I was born here. It's my country and I live here. But no one, not Peres and not Shamir, can even give me a picture of what kind of country I'm going to live in, in 10 or 20 years' time. Will it be a Greater Israel? An Israel inside the 'green line,' or maybe inside the '47 partition lines'?"

Alon refers to the lack of clear-cut policies. "They can't say because they don't even know how much they are willing to compromise. They have no policy, they just muddle through."

Alon, unlike Eli, speaks of the burden of military responsibility. "My father is 50 years old, and every year he loses a lot of money because he has to stand in theatres and search women's handbags. I don't want to

spend the rest of my life being first a soldier and then a civilian in my spare time. Certainly not if I know that what I fight for, might even die to protect today, will be bartered away tomorrow."

Neither of them mentions the country's economy as a reason for his choice. Both see the economic crisis as nothing more than a symptom of general incompetence and inability to make decisions.

LOOKING MORE for the "why" than for the "what," Alfonso Prachtenbroit, a psychologist who heads the Bak'a community centre in Jerusalem, has thought a lot about the Elis and the Alons of our society. But in the end he knows more about how Eli thinks, because Eli is the kind of youth he works with.

"First of all," says the young Argentinean psychologist, "you have to define Eli's terms. For him decisiveness, whether the decision is right or

wrong, means strength. Vacillation, indecisiveness, deliberation are all classed by him as signs of weakness. He grew up in a world where he never had any doubt that the biggest kid ate the lolly — the tougher you were the more you succeeded in getting what you were after. This extended into the neighbourhood — some neighbours you left alone. Others you bullied."

Prachtenbroit also mentions how Eli is affected by the lack of any real hope that his own life will be better than that of his parents. "He has no clear picture of the future. He feels at an instinctive level that things are wrong and he is looking for someone who knows how to set them right. He finds Kahane appealing because Kahane is audacious and he admires audacity. Kahane says 'give me the power... I'll take care of it.' And Eli, with less thought than emotion, is willing to give him that power."

"Eli is basically expressing his fear

of the future in his electoral choice. He wants security. He doesn't want to be a victim. He wants strength and decisiveness in the leadership under which he lives. Abstractions like democracy and all that are hard for him to deal with, and he prefers to ignore them. They certainly don't cause him any conflict."

"I also think that you have to put this into the framework of the international picture. All over the world the less advantaged sectors of the population are turning not to socialist principles, which they see as having failed to deliver what they promised, but to nationalistic strong-man regimes that will serve to make them feel safe. This is happening not only here but everywhere. In the end, of course, under some regimes these same people become the left-wing underground when a really fascist group comes to power. They are still looking for the same things, but at a new address."

DAVID KLINGER understands Alon's motivations better than he does Eli's. Klinger has taught school in Israel for 30 years and has been a youth adviser in many frameworks. He is now on sabbatical and is writing about his experiences as a teacher.

"In the end," says Klinger pointedly, "Alon is you and me 35 years ago. He knows something has to be done and he's willing to do it if someone will just tell him what to do. He doesn't care if it's hard, just that it should seem feasible to him."

Klinger, who came to Israel in 1947 as a member of a youth movement, says laughingly: "After all, both you and I also followed a handful of mad Jews who actually thought they could build a Jewish State in Palestine. We, too, saw a tragedy around us; we, too, wanted to change things; and we followed the ones who said they knew how. That's what Alon is doing."

"The real difference, however, is that we were ideologists who wanted to put our ideology into practice. For Alon, ideology has become a dirty word. He wants a practical solution at any price."

"The real problem is that the established movements long ago stopped competing for the minds and hearts of Israeli youth. This is even more true of the so-called left, which started to rest on its laurels as a state-builder and considered its position unchallengeable. True, some of their ideology rubbed off and is at the bottom of Alon's thinking; but it is not a source of help to him, in fact it makes everything worse."

"Mental pain is the natural product of confusion and we seek to avoid pain. Therefore, since Alon has to serve in the army in Lebanon, has to police another people in the West Bank, has to do things which at bottom he always felt to be wrong, he is confused. It is easier to adjust your world picture to keep it in line with what you are doing than to be always tossed on the horns of a dilemma."

KLINGER also mentions that it is the nature of youth, throughout the generations, to rebel against the establishment. "And for both Alon and Eli the Likud and the Alignment are just that — establishment. They see that neither of them seem to know what to do, so they are looking for someone to give them a new solution. At the same time that they were voting for the extreme right, other Israelis in different age groups and situations were taking their vote from the Alignment and placing it in the hands of the more extreme leftist parties."

Both Prachtenbroit and Klinger see this trend as something that will probably be even more marked in the next few years. Prachtenbroit refers to it as a "natural polarization of ideas at the two extreme ends of the establishment."

Speaking with Alon and with Eli and with those who tried to explain their choices, it seemed clear that the youth of Israel are not less concerned than their parents were about the future of this country; they care and they want to help with whatever needs to be done.

Will the established parties get themselves together enough to read the messages these young men and women are sending them? Will they at last try to express a policy that gives these Israelis the feeling that they know what they are doing? Or will they continue to vacillate and to play musical chairs in the Knesset while others, weaker on democratic principles and stronger on audacity, win the hearts and the votes of young Israel?

FOR A director-general of a government ministry, Ephraim Cohen has some habits that are not generally in keeping with someone in his position.

Rather than eating in restaurants at the public expense, he eats in the ministry cafeteria; he sleeps at home rather than in hotels; and he drives himself around in a relatively modest Subaru rather than use a more expensive government car that comes with a chauffeur.

He is also unusual in that he was a member of the team that set up the ministry and that he is a 32-year

veteran of the civil service, rather than a political appointee brought in from the outside.

Born in Morocco, Cohen came on aliya with his parents in 1949. He is formally acting director-general of the Absorption Ministry and a permanent deputy director-general there. Absorption Minister Aharon Uzan promoted him to the post when suddenly faced with the resignation of his Tami colleague, Eli Artzi, who thought he could make it on the Tami list in elections for the Eleventh Knesset. Artzi, as it happened, was put low on the list, and

only Abuhazzeira gained a seat.

As a loyal public servant, Cohen declines to comment on the near-unanimity of opinion among ministry staffers that Artzi was a "terrible" director-general, investing most of his energy in Tami politics, becoming impotent in his struggles with the Treasury over budgets for immigrant absorption and getting involved in such heated disputes with the Jewish Agency that the two institutions were almost completely out of contact.

THE ACTING director-general remains tight-lipped when asked about widespread complaints among the staff that Uzan, too, neglects Absorption Ministry affairs — concentrating instead on Tami and the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs — and that this neglect is responsible for the drastic cut in funding of immigrant absorption.

Cohen will say however, that the ministry budget is in a severe crisis, and that he will have to set priorities for what services will not be affected. Subsidies money for needy olim, rental subsidies and student aid will be given the highest priority, he says.

According to ministry officials, their budget of \$53 million in the last fiscal year has been almost halved this year to \$27 million. The Treasury disputes the figures, saying that the decrease was "only 15 per cent."

Cohen says that the tremendous depreciation of the shekel and the delayed compensation for it by the Treasury are responsible for the cuts in the budget. He adds that the 15,000 olim expected to arrive during the current fiscal year amounts to the same as those on aliya last year.

Eli Artzi and former Jewish Agency aliya department chairman Raphael Kotowitz did not talk to each other. But now that Artzi has been replaced and Kotowitz ousted and replaced by former ambassador to Colombia Haim Aharon, the two

Concern for immigrants

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH / Jerusalem Post Reporter



Ephraim Cohen... cutting some of the red tape.

offices are again communicating.

Cohen says that he meets his colleagues in the Jewish Agency and Housing Ministry once every two weeks. Coordinating bodies that were supposed to meet regularly but haven't convened for years are again being activated.

One of the first problems that Cohen hopes to solve through this cooperation is that of unmarried immigrants. "Aid to singles in the past has been neither dead nor alive," he states. Today, singles receive the equivalent of only \$30 a month as rental subsidy. The acting director-general

is negotiating with the Finance Ministry to increase it to \$75 a month. He is also trying to get a substantial increase in government mortgages for singles, who comprise a large proportion of olim and who tend to leave the country because of their housing problems.

Cohen has so far managed to get subsidies linked to the Bank of Israel rate of the dollar on the first of every month so that the already-low grant is not further depreciated by inflation. He is pressing for the construction of more hostels for single olim in Jerusalem and the centre. None has

been planned or built for over three years.

He also wants to increase mortgages for families who are unable to make up the difference between the cost of flats on the private market and the state mortgages. Since the government changed its policy and drastically reduced the number of public flats available for rental to needy immigrants, absorption centres have filled up.

COHEN ADMITS that the recent housing fair for new immigrants organized by the ministry and the Jewish Agency was a "failure," since only 31 of the more than 800 families who bought apartments live in absorption centres. The fair was aimed at decreasing the population of such centres, but those who bought flats at the fair were mainly those living in rental flats outside.

Turning to the painful subject of Ethiopian immigrant absorption, Cohen says hopefully that Ethiopian aliya can be as successful as Yemenite aliya was in the past if it is done the right way. The ministry plans to hold seminars in the Jerusalem Forest recreation centre for developing leaders among Ethiopian olim. "This is vital," he says, adding that retraining courses for the immigrants are also being set up. Cohen says they do well in the fields of metalwork and machines. The ministry has succeeded in cutting some of the red tape previously faced by immigrants. Many subsidies can be obtained on the spot at banks. It is also much easier for qualified olim to receive their mortgages. Asked about the possibility of opening ministry offices in the afternoons, Cohen said that such an experiment was tried in 1978. Offices were open in the late afternoon but olim did not make use of these hours.

However, Cohen says he is willing to experiment again in Jerusalem and other major towns because it

seems logical that olim would prefer to go to ministry offices after work so that they won't lose pay by taking off in the morning.

There have not been to date, any new immigrants that have been fired from government jobs due to cuts in manpower. But employment may be difficult to find for those who arrived in the country recently and have not yet found work. Cohen says that ministry will do all it can to see that olim don't suffer.

With much nostalgia, Cohen recalls the excitement and activity in the ministry in 1972 and during other years when aliya was high with over 50,000 arriving in one year. "We worked 20 hours a day," he says, "and never complained." Now there are only 15,000 olim who arrive each year, and in addition to reduction of staff from 626 to the current 426 at the ministry, workers are depressed that they have less to do. Cohen notes, however, that having fewer clients means being able to devote more time to each olim.

Cohen, together with the rest of his family lived in an immigrant transit camp when he arrived in the country, and in 1952 left the French Alliance school where he was studying in order to help support his family. (He completed high school later by studying at night). He started off as a clerk in the Civil Service Commission, working himself up to the manpower director's assistant at the Agriculture Ministry. From there he moved to the Labour Ministry, and in 1968 was asked by the late Yigal Alon to join the team involved in setting up the Absorption Ministry.

His tenure as director-general may be short. A new minister to the Absorption Ministry can bring in his own director-general. But Cohen will nevertheless remain a deputy director-general in the Absorption Ministry, which he says he cares about a great deal.

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He volunteered for the Palestinian units of the British Army during

World War II, seeing service as a driver with the Eighth Army in North Africa and with the Jewish Brigade in Italy. Following the liberation of Europe, Gilboa was able to assist Jewish survivors there.

The sole member of his immediate family to survive the Holocaust, Gilboa was deeply influenced by the events of the time. These darkened the character of his poetry, which blended a unique personal style and national motifs with a characteristic originality.

After demobilization, Gilboa took work as a journalist and translator. He fought in the War of Independence and was deeply inspired by

the emergence of the state. His best-known collections of poems are *Sheva Reshuyot* (1949), *Shirim Baboker Baboker* (1953), *Kehullim Veaddumim* (1964) and *Rasini Lichot Siftei Yeshenim* (1968). In 1980, translators Shirley Kaufman and Shlomit Rimmon published *The Light of Lost Suns, Selected Poems of Amir Gilboa* in English.

While Gilboa's rhythms were neither facile nor pretty, they successfully expressed the joy and pain of his generation, the tragedy of the Holocaust and the rebirth of a nation. The combination of lyrical and prosaic themes forcefully conveyed human joy and tragedy.

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Likud's second thoughts

THERE are no good solutions to the political impasse we find ourselves in as a result of the July elections. Neither of the two major parties seem to be able to put together a narrow coalition that would enjoy the support of 61 Knesset Members.

In this stalemate the best of the bad lot of options would be a spare Labour-Likud government, unencumbered by political pay-offs to the vested personal and religious interests of the small parties. Nevertheless, in the juggling of negotiating positions both Labour and the Likud, and especially the latter, proceeded to tie their hands by commitments made to the small parties for their inclusion in a broad government, although there was no objective need for it.

Both Prime Minister Shamir and premier-designate Peres deserve high marks for the sense of national responsibility which guided them in their talks to set up a national unity government. The agreement they reached last week represented far-reaching concessions on behalf of the Labour Party, particularly as Mr. Peres knew that forming a broad government with the Likud would result in the breaking up of the Alignment with Mapam.

During their numerous tete-a-tete meetings both appear to have developed a certain degree of personal rapport which could bode well for their future cooperation in a unity cabinet.

But Mr. Shamir's somewhat weak position at the head of his own party made it impossible for him to get the backing of the Herut front rank for the commitments he had agreed to with Mr. Peres. According to their agreement, Herut leaders such as David Levy, Moshe Arens and Ariel Sharon would not be able to hold any of the major cabinet portfolios.

Moreover, the Likud's agreement to share power with a number of small political parties, in order to block Labour's chances at forming a narrow coalition, boomeranged on Herut particularly. Mr. Shamir's own party would have only four cabinet ministers in a broad government, in addition to three Likud-Liberal ministers. The remaining five cabinet seats of the Likud quota in a unity government are spoken for in the event that the agreements with the religious splinter parties will hold.

Sunday's quasi-revolt against Mr. Shamir in the Likud leadership caucus seems to be proof that some of the Herut leaders never intended to see a national unity government come about. People like David Levy would rather see Mr. Shamir fail in his efforts to keep the Likud in power, even if this power has to be shared with Labour as a measure of national emergency. He probably would not mind another round of elections in which he might stand a good chance of heading his party's list.

The prospect of a prolonged political stalemate that would ensue and the cost of such repeat elections with all the dire political and economic consequences, apparently does not seem to bother him or some of his like-minded colleagues such as Mr. Sharon.

But some of the more responsible Herut and Liberal politicians seem to be having second thoughts after their tough stand on Sunday which would have put an end to national unity prospects.

The objection of the National Religious Party to two major demands by the Likud - a yearly switch of the premiership and rotation of the defence portfolio - may have had something to do with the more sober look with which an increasing number of Likud leaders view the situation. They fully realize that the NRP's stand might indicate a possible agreement to form a narrow coalition with the Alignment, while putting the blame on the Likud for having torpedoed the national unity idea.

Rather than being left out in the cold, the Likud might still come around towards honouring the commitments which their party leader made. If they are indeed intent on making every effort to help the country out of the national emergency which they themselves have created, then they must put an end to playing dangerous games and act responsibly.

The potential of the Arab vote

By ALLAN E. SHAPIRO

THE APPEARANCE of the Progressive List on the Israeli political scene is one of the most significant recent developments in Israeli politics. Observers contend that, having made its initial breakthrough, the Progressive List is likely to increase its strength in the next electoral round.

The political support for the Progressive List comes primarily from the increase in voting within the Arab sector. It is not at the expense of a rival party, Jewish or Arab. Rather it marks a change in the total of political participation. Therefore, it affects the system as a whole.

Even today, the two seats in the Knesset of the Progressive List constitute a complicating factor in the building of a majority coalition. They augment the bloc of votes that, at present, are not candidates for a coalition in any direction. The practical consequence of the existence of such a bloc is the pro rata diminution of the pool of Knesset members from which any majority coalition can be drawn. Increase the size of that bloc and the pool diminishes further.

Suppose the strength of the Progressives increases to a point that the combined strength of the non-coalitionable parties - Rakah and the Progressives - comes to approximate the size of the Arab sector in Israel's total population. Long before that time comes, it will have become almost impossible to build a majority coalition that does not include the two major parties. This will not be the consequence of an election stand-off, of the sort we have just experienced. It will be true

under any conceivable circumstances, except in the case of an overwhelmingly decisive electoral victory for one of the two major blocs, Labour or the Likud.

The fact that the Progressive List is considered non-coalitionable is the product of history, not of logic. It reflects the policy of preventing the political organization of the Arab sector on a national basis. In the long years of Labour's rule, the thrust of policy was invariably in the direction of developing the particularist forces in the Arab community - the village, the hamulah, and so forth. Co-optation of possible political rivals was a frequent technique. When other methods did not avail, there was recourse to the coercive powers of the emergency defence regulations.

The first serious attempt at national political organization in the Arab sector was the El-Ard movement in the early 1960s, which was declared illegal by the minister of defence under the emergency regulations and later barred from presenting a list of candidates for the Knesset. In 1976, Arab protests against land expropriations took on the form of an embryonic national political organization in the Arab sector. Against the background of rising unrest in the occupied territories, the Rabin government moved with force. The result was the violence of Land Day.

Policy remained constant under Rabin's successors. A proposed assembly of Arab political leadership at Shifaram was prohibited under the emergency regulations, in order to nip in the bud another effort at national political organization.

When the security services proposed to Minister of Defence Moshe Arens that he declare the new Progressive List an illegal organization, they were following a well-worn path. The refusal of Arens to adopt the recommendation was innovative, to say the least. It represented a refusal to view Arab political organization on a national scale as a security threat in itself. There are surely few instances in which political leaders in Israel have rejected the recommendations of the security services, when it comes to matters of political importance in the Arab sector.

The honesty and political courage of the Arens decision in refusing to invoke the emergency regulations against the Progressive List has not received the recognition it deserves. Instead, demagogues of the political right have ignored the Arens decision, focusing on the ambiguous ruling of the Supreme Court, cancelling the Central Elections Committee ban on the party. If a political commentator can permit himself to call the Progressive List "PLO subversives" it can only mean that he is privy to the undisclosed intelligence the security services supplied to Arens and believes that Arens decided wrongly on that evidence. Or else it means that he thinks he knows more facts about the true nature of the Progressive List than do the security services.

There is little objective justification for treating an authentic Arab list as a political pariah. After all, a major objective of a system of proportional representation is to ensure that minority voices, particularly the

Dry Bones



voice of a national minority, receive political weight. That was the guiding consideration of the original United Nations partition resolution, which sanctioned the creation of an independent Jewish State, in providing for proportional representation.

As long as the Progressive List confines its political objectives to the furtherance of the interests of the Arab sector in Israel, it is no less legitimate a force than other sectoral interest groups, such as the religious parties, for example. It has never been suggested that Agudat Yisrael is disqualified from political participation because it is non-Zionist.

However, if the Progressive List insists on conditioning its support on the acceptance of positions that touch on matters of national policy beyond the sectoral interest it represents, then the party isolates itself

from the mainstream of Israeli politics. Insistence on government acquiescence in the convening of an international conference on the Arab-Israeli conflict, in which the Soviet Union would take a leading part, would have this effect.

Israel's Arabs are entitled to authentic representation of their interests. As an interest group with a potential massive electoral clout they have much to gain. Ideally, they should be able to bargain both with Labour and with the Likud. Today, that may seem utopian. But if they choose the way, the day may come when the fact that the first truly national party in the Arab sector owes its existence to the practical liberalism of a Likud minister, Moshe Arens, may come to have more than historical significance.

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READERS' LETTERS

THE BAR-KOCHBA REVOLT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - Mr. Alexander Galat's reply to Rabbi Pearl (August 26) and his 'defence' of the Ben Kosiba (or Bar-Kochba) revolt contain a number of historical errors which are apt to prejudice his case.

1) There is no authority whatsoever for the strength of Ben Kosiba's forces, which Mr. Galat claims numbered 300,000 or 400,000. All we know is that he carried out a general mobilization of the Jewish population. There are great differences of opinion concerning the size of the population of Judea at that time.

2) Doubtless Jewish morale was high, but there were also Jews who refused to participate. We know nothing of Roman morale; the Roman forces fought a long and difficult war and their losses were heavy.

3) There was no coordination between the revolt in Cyrenaica, Egypt, Cyprus and Mesopotamia, and Ben Kosiba's rising, as the former took place in 115-117 CE, the latter in 131-135 CE.

4) Jerusalem was captured almost certainly because the garrison of the

Tenth Legion was minimal; inscriptions and coins tell us that the legion was scattered at various points throughout Judea.

5) Dio (actually the report is an abbreviation by Xiphilinus 11th century CE) does not say that the (Roman) empire was collapsing. He merely says that the empire was in a state of disturbance.

No unfounded reports are needed to enhance the ability of Ben Kosiba as a commander. Having studied his war since 1972 I have come to the conclusion that he was a wily and capable general who understood both Roman weaknesses and where and how his people should fight. Nor do I think his rising was futile; the Roman rulers were taught the lesson that Judaism could not be destroyed by force of arms. But gentlemen who wish to reinforce their political convictions by pointing to past history will not aid their compatriots by historical errors or ignorance of the evidence.

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JEWIS IN ETHIOPIA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - I refer to your front page article of August 16 "Fasting and prayer over Ethiopian Jews plight" in which you reported that "15 to 20 Ethiopian Jews die each day from dysentery, malaria and other diseases and because of persecution by non-Jews."

We all know that Ethiopia has, during the last decade or so, gone through many successive years of severe drought and famine which naturally reduce the resistance capability of victims and expose them to a variety of diseases. Ethiopian Jews are no exception and, therefore, no doubt sustain their share of the country's problems. But, if they have been dying at the incredible rate of 20 a day or 7300 a year, as has been suggested, there will then be no more Ethiopian Jews left to pray or

worry about. The suggestion that some die from religious persecution is utterly preposterous and without foundation. I know, and Ethiopian Jews living in this country know, that no Ethiopian Jew gets killed today simply because he is a Jew. The rights of minorities in Ethiopia are probably better safeguarded today than at any other time in the country's history.

Care should, therefore, be taken that such ill-founded wholesale accusations, probably motivated by an innocent desire to prod the Israeli government to some positive action, do not inadvertently sow seeds of misunderstanding among people.

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FISCAL SANITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - From your report of August 30, "U.S. aid must be lump sum," it seems that we will be bankrupt, unless the entire year's aid is paid ahead of schedule, at once.

On August 29, you had an article in your series on personal finances, in which the cost of overdrafts in bank accounts was explained, the interest thereon sometimes being in excess of 1000 per cent p.a. The article also mentioned the difficulty it entails to wear oneself from the long acquired habit of continuously having an overdraft.

Several days ago, the solvency of the larger U.S. banks was discussed. Many are apparently on the verge of bankruptcy. Among causes mentioned, you cited, inter alia, huge loans to Third World nations. The interest payments of several of them exceed their foreign exchange revenues every year, and they are in effect bankrupt, a situation which has been delayed only by granting additional loans for the payment of interest. Their bankruptcy will in turn also cause the bankruptcy of their creditors (large U.S. banks), unless they in turn get rescued by the U.S. Government, as was recently the case with Continental Illinois bank.

Maybe it would not be such a bad idea to start teaching again the merits of frugality and thrift? These were the accepted norm in the good old days.

If every one - labourer, secretary and director, as well as banks, treasuries and governments - will

THE CHIEF RABBINATE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - Regarding Rabbi David Hollander's fear that Israel might one day have a non-Jewish Chief Rabbi, as you reported on August 7, I think that actually would be quite appropriate.

The Chief Rabbinate itself is a non-Jewish institution, created in 1921 by the British Mandate authorities so that they would have only one representative body to deal with regarding Jewish religious affairs. The great diversity of Jewish belief and practice, even in the relatively small yishuv of 60 years ago, made it necessary for the non-Jewish civil authorities to create an artificial mechanism of Jewish religious authority, mirroring their own hierarchical society.

It would only be self-deception for any Jewish person to think that a single Chief Rabbinate could authentically speak for all Jews. A non-Jewish chief rabbi makes about as much sense.

DAVID FLEISHMAN
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POSTSCRIPTS

PS ONE OF THE hottest tickets in Moscow this summer was for a show affording Soviets a rare glimpse of the personal computers, mini-tape recorders and other gadgetry increasingly prevalent in western life.

For 16 brief days, Muscovites could stroll through an exhibition hall opposite Gorky Park, electronic music pounding in their ears, gazing at video commercials and ogling the latest in fashion, graphics, make-up and furniture.

The hi-tech items - not for sale - were part of an exhibit called "Japanese Design, Tradition and Present" staged by Japan's Seibu Corporation and the Soviet Ministry of Culture. Such objects are not available to most Soviet citizens.

No posters advertised the exhibit and no newspapers announced its opening. Yet tickets were almost impossible to obtain, and the Culture Ministry said some 300,000 people saw the show.

Soviets familiar with advanced technology frequently extol Japanese as the best. If a product is deemed especially good, it is sometimes called "Yaponski," meaning Japanese.

Crowds flocked to the August show equipped with cameras and

sketchpads to record the designs they saw.

The traditional Japanese costumes, tea sets, lacquerware, china, woven baskets and scrolled manuscripts on show did not attract much attention. Fascination lay in what was new. Especially popular were three video machines showing liquor commercials in Japanese.

PS SAN FRANCISCANS take equality of the sexes seriously. A large sign on a tackle shop offers "Everything for the Fishperson."

PS THE OLYMPIAN collision between Zola Budd and Mary Decker inspired some inventive sportswriting, such as the lead for the story in The International Herald Tribune: "Zola Budd and Mary Decker's paths finally crossed yesterday..."

That brings to mind what is considered the finest lead ever written for a sports story. The day preceding the England-West Germany World Cup soccer match in 1966, a British sports writer began his story thus: "If Germany should beat us at our national sport, keep in mind, dear sports fans, that we twice beat them at theirs." -S.O.

THE TAMILS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - The Tamils have no quarrel with the State of Israel, nor do we intend to become anti-Semitic. The State of Israel and its ally, the United States, are perpetuating a situation in Sri Lanka which has driven the so-called extremists into the opposition and may drive the moderates there too in the near future. It is not too late for Israel and United States to take a neutral stand, get out of Sri Lanka, and halt the training of Sri Lankan Government forces against the Tamils. I beg, plead and demand they do so before we reach a point of

no return. World Jewry and the Americans are always proud to claim that they have a strong moral code of ethics which governs their actions around the world to free people from tyranny and suffering. I question the code of ethics of those in power in Israel and the United States. If you really know what freedom and suffering means to the Tamils, then let my people go. Let my people live in peace and let them achieve what they want: freedom and our state of Eelam.

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WASTE DISPOSAL IN ISRAEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - I have been an environmental consultant to the Israel Government, and am currently national chairman of the Air Pollution Control Association's Solid Waste Disposal Committee.

I wish to comment on your article of July 30, "Fear of toxic fumes," coming from the Tirat Carmel garbage dump, which is unfortunately more true than you realize and an example of archaic unregulated, improper waste disposal practices throughout Israel.

Open burning of refuse was a big problem in the U.S. 20 years ago and was solved by effective anti-burning regulations, which unfortunately do not exist in Israel. Such burning used to be considered a nuisance; but we now know that such improper burning of some wastes can generate very toxic dioxin contaminants - some of the most toxic, deadly materials known, such as the dioxins found in Agent Orange in Vietnam. I gave a paper at the Technion in May, where I said that the two main sources of dioxins in Israel's air today are open burning garbage dumps and improper hospital incinerators.

Israel is in the second decade of planning for solid waste disposal, with very little positive results. Some Ministry of Interior officials have been stubbornly trying to reinvent the wheel in disposing of solid wastes - often proposing unrealistic solutions. Israel must learn from the rest of the world how to properly dispose of its wastes: banning the landfilling of most wastes, which can pollute the air, ruin valuable lands and poison groundwater. The only effective waste disposal technology, used throughout the world today, is high

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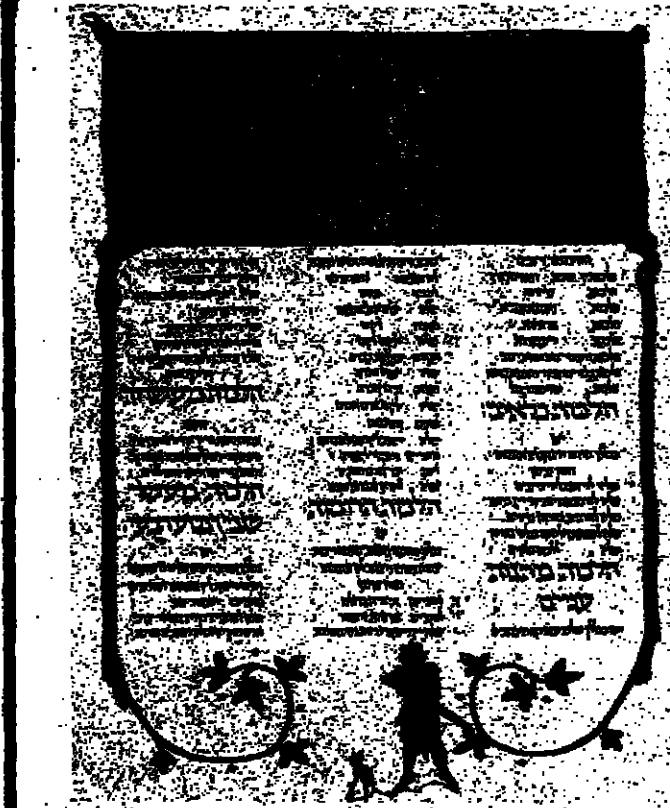
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